



Q1. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.0 Programmatic Information, page 16: Our organization has a current contract with DHR for TLP services. Does this RFP replace the TLP contract (#3617)?

R1. No.

Q2. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.0 Programmatic Information, page 16: How many total slots are awarded with the RFP?

Are the slots statewide or by county? How many slots will be awarded by county?

R2. Slots are statewide. Slots are not awarded by county.

Q3. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.0 Programmatic Information, page 16: Are the slots in the RFP in addition to the current TFC (#3901) contract?

R3. This is a separate procurement.

Q4. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.0 Programmatic Information, page 16: How are these services different from TFC and TLP services?

R4. These services are limited to older youth, who may require an additional array of services.

Q5. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.0 Programmatic Information, page 16: Who is the target population? Mental health diagnoses are required for youth served under this RFP. How are these placements different from TFC placements? Both populations are served in foster homes. Please explain how services for these kids would be different than those offered by a TFC contract? How is it different than those currently being served?

R5. The difference is that this allows the providers to structure a more intensive program for youth with mental health and/or behavioral issues in hopes of reducing disruptions and the need for congregate care.

Q6. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.2 Core Services for Standard Therapeutic Transitional, 3.2.1 Services to Foster Youth from the Therapeutic Transitional Agency, page 17: Under h. the RFP states the vendor will "Assist the youth with the development or maintenance of (restorative) skills by the provision of no more than five (5) hours weekly of individual basic living skills training /structured daily activities and no more than three (3) hours per week of group basic living skills training/structured daily activities including the development, improvement and reinforcing of age-appropriate social, communication and behavioral skills."



Does this five (5) hour cap of weekly individual basic living skills apply to vendor staff or foster parents?

R6. The cap applies to vendors and foster parents. Up to five (5) hours of individual basic living skills may be applied weekly to restore basic living skills.

Q7. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.2 Core Services for Standard Therapeutic Transitional, 3.2.1 Services to Foster Youth from the Therapeutic Transitional Agency, page 17: Under h. the RFP states, "Individual goals in each of these therapeutic areas must be taken from needs identified as deficits for the youth through the ISP or the Independent Living Program Framework Assessment and should be authorized in the context of the ISP. Note: Some youth may require more than what is listed above in accordance with the ISP."

How does the vendor access the Independent Living Program Framework Assessment in order to identify the youth's deficiency?

R7. This can be provided by county staff or state IL staff.

Q8. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.2 Core Services for Standard Therapeutic Transitional, 3.2.3 Services to Therapeutic Transitional Families from the Therapeutic Transitional Agency, Page 19: Under i. the RFP states, "Provide twenty-four (24) hours respite per. For respite periods longer than the hours listed above, the agency and foster parents shall have in their contractual agreement how respite will be paid. The county department will not be billed for respite."

Please clarify the timeframe for the "Provide twenty-four (24) hour respite per" portion. Is it per week, month, etc.?

R8. Within current TFC policy standards.

Q9. Section 3: Scope of Project, 3.7 Responsibilities of the Department of Human Resources, page 22: Under H. the RFP states, "Provide up to \$50.00 per month for special needs and occasions, e.g. haircuts, feminine hygiene products, oral and body hygiene products, over-the-counter medications, gifts for birthdays, Christmas or other special occasions, etc. Anything above \$50.00 per month must be paid by the county DHR office."

Will the \$50.00 per month be provided by the Department or will the vendor have to provide it for the youth?

R9. The \$50 per month will be provided by the vendor.

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Q10. Section 5: Cost Proposal, 5.0 Cost Proposal, page 28: Is there a fixed rate or are we to establish a fixed rate?

Is a per diem going to be offered with this contract as well as Medicaid billing?

What is that per diem? If it's not provided, are we supposed to propose it?

R10. There is no fixed rate for this procurement; however, negotiation may be necessary if a vendor is considered for a contract. A room and board rate will be established post award. Vendors are encouraged to offer creative, comprehensive services to the youth identified in this procurement and to include their projected cost for providing the services.

Q11. Section 5: Cost Proposal, 5.0 Cost Proposal, page 28: Are we to submit both the cost proposal and a separate budget?

If there is a separate budget required as well as the cost proposal, is there be a particular format you require the budget to be in? If so, will that be provided or posted somewhere?

R11. Appendix F is the cost proposal.

Q12.Section 3: Does this RFP replace current TLP contract that providers are utilizing?

R12. No.

Q13. Section 3: Are youth currently being served by the existing transitional living program contract going to be part of this contract, or are the proposed slots in addition to those youth?

R13. See R3.

Q14. Section 3.2.1, Letter o, Page 18: The question notes that there should be regular contact with DHR. How often does the State define regular (e.g., monthly, weekly, etc.)?

R14. The regularity is based on the needs of the youth.

Q15. Section 3.0, Page 16: The second paragraph notes that youth being served must have a DSM-V diagnosis or be identified by a mental health professional as having at least moderate emotional and/or behavioral problems and be in need of treatment and structure offered through this contract. What happens with youth currently being served who do not meet these requirements?

R15. This would not impact current placements.

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Q16. Section 3.4 Outcomes, Page 20: What is the expected timeframe for providing Outcomes (annually, quarterly, etc.), and is there a specific format you would like the outcomes reported using?

R16. Outcomes must be reported quarterly. A format will be provided post award.

Q17. Section 3.4 Outcomes, Page 20: Can the CANS be used as an alternative to GAF and MGAF measurements?

R17. Open for consideration

Q18. Section 3.2.1, Letter h, Page 17: The previous TLP contract allowed the agency to provide a minimum of one hour of Basic Living Services per day. This REFP specifies a maximum of five hours per week.

Does this five hours of Basic Living Skills replace the previous TLP contract's one hour per day?

Does this five hours of Basic Living Skills refer to hours provided by agency staff, foster parents, or both agency staff and foster parents?

R18. See R6.

Q19. Section 1.8.1, Page 10: The first paragraph notes that USB drive is preferred but requests that the electronic copy be provided on CD or DVD. Please clarify which format you would like electronic copies to be provided in.

R19. An electronic copy of the proposal can be submitted on a CD, DVD or USB.

Q20. Section Appendix E/F: The RFP refers to the Cost Proposal as both Appendix E and Appendix F throughout the RFP. The Cost Proposal is listed as Appendix F. Should we refer to the Cost Proposal as Appendix F in our final document?

R20. See R11.